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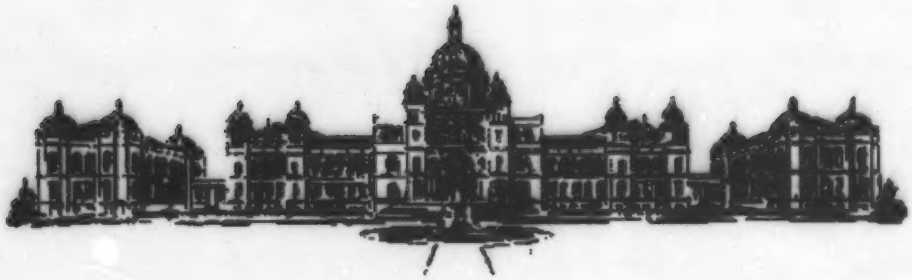

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To the Honourable,
The Legislative Assembly of the
Province of British Columbia
Victoria, British Columbia

Honourable Members:

I have the honour to present herewith the *Report* of the Select Standing Committee on Finance and Government Services for the Second Session of the Thirty-Seventh Parliament.

The *Report* covers the work of the Committee on the matter of the Budget 2002 Consultation Process.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the Committee.

Mr. Blair Lekstrom, MLA
Chair

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On August 27, 2001, the Select Standing Committee on Finance and Government Services was empowered to examine, inquire into and make recommendations with respect to the pre-budget consultation report prepared by the Minister of Finance in accordance with section 2 of the Budget Transparency and Accountability Act and, in particular, to:

1. Conduct public consultations across British Columbia on proposals and recommendations regarding the provincial budget and fiscal policy for the coming fiscal year by any means the committee considers appropriate, including but not limited to public meetings, telephone and electronic means;

2. Prepare a report no later than November 15, 2001 on the results of those consultations.

In addition to the powers previously conferred upon the Select Standing Committee on Finance and Government Services, the committee shall be empowered:

(a) to appoint of their number one or more subcommittees and refer to such subcommittees any of the matters referred to the committee;

(b) to sit during a period in which the House is adjourned and during any sitting of the House;

(c) to adjourn from place to place as may be convenient; and

(d) to retain personnel as required to assist the committee;

and shall report to the House as soon as possible, or following any adjournment or at the next following session, as the case may be, to deposit the original of its reports with the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly during a period of adjournment and upon resumption of the sittings of the House, the Chair shall present all reports to the Legislative Assembly.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

The Committee would like to thank all the witnesses for taking the time out of their busy lives to participate in the Budget 2002 consultation process. We were pleased with the broad cross-section of people who either appeared before us at the public hearings or submitted their suggestions in writing. We were also impressed by the passion and sincerity with which differing viewpoints were presented at the public hearings, and with the high quality and thoughtfulness of the written submissions. Our mandate was to listen to what British Columbians had to say about the government's financial plan, but we have learned so much from them, too.

The Committee also wishes to acknowledge the outstanding contribution of the Legislative Assembly staff who helped us in all stages of the consultation process. In the Office of the Clerk of Committees three Committee clerks, Craig James, Kate Ryan-Lloyd and Anne Stokes, provided administrative and procedural advice at various stages of the consultation process. Josie Schofield, the Research Analyst, provided exemplary research support throughout the process and, at the Committee's direction, prepared and revised the Committee's report. Audrey Chan, Assistant Researcher, compiled submission summaries and provided valuable assistance at the report-writing stage. Last, but certainly not least, Mary Newell, the office's Administrative Coordinator, expertly handled the complicated travel arrangements for the 16 hearings, as well as booking witnesses and logging submissions, with the assistance of Jacqueline Quesnel, Karen Heighes and Dorothy Jones.

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INTRODUCTION

Until very recently, most British Columbians did not participate actively in the annual budget-making process. Over the years, successive governments consulted in private with the key stakeholders representing the major sectors of the provincial economy, but they refrained from seeking public input on their spending and revenue priorities.

This veil of secrecy was lifted in the year 2000, with the passage of the first *Budget Transparency and Accountability Act*. Under this new law, the Minister of Finance was required to present a budget consultation paper to the new, all-party Select Standing Committee on Finance and Government Services by October 31. In turn, the Finance Committee was instructed to consult with the public about the shape and size of the 2001 budget and to report on the consultation process by December 31, 2000.

Since May 2001, the new government has demonstrated its commitment to openness and accountability in the budget-making process. Besides enacting a law requiring a balanced budget by 2004/05, the government has changed the sections of the *Budget Transparency and Accountability Act* relating to reporting deadlines for the budget consultation process. Under the 2001 *Budget Transparency and Accountability Amendment Act*, the Minister of Finance is now required to issue a budget consultation paper by September 15, and the Select Standing Committee on Finance and Government Services now has to report back to the House by November 15 on the findings of the pre-budget consultation process.

On August 27, 2001, the 11 members of the newly appointed Select Standing Committee on Finance and Government Services were instructed by the House to conduct public consultations across British Columbia on proposals and recommendations regarding the 2002 budget. They used various communication methods to solicit input from British Columbians including press releases, newspaper ads, public hearings, a toll-free telephone line, as well as access to the Office of the Clerk of Committee's electronic mail and web sites.

On September 14, 2001 the Minister of Finance formally presented the "Budget 2002 Consultation Paper" to the all-party legislative committee. He explained that the report of the Fiscal Review Panel was chosen as the basis for discussion, because it offers a comprehensive and independent review of the financial outlook and identifies the key issues to be addressed in the next budget — in particular, how to deal with the deficit projections arising from the current spending levels and the impact of tax cuts.

CONTEXT

To meet the statutory reporting deadline, the members of the Finance Committee decided to conduct the budget consultation process during the month of October. As it happens, this process took place at a time when British Columbians are still dealing with the aftermath of the terrorist attacks in the United States on September 11, 2001. While the "war on terror" is taking place largely outside the province's borders, there is widespread public concern about the war's impact on the provincial economy and the level of consumer confidence, in particular. This climate of uncertainty has influenced both the tone of the public hearings and the content of the written submissions.

Other external circumstances, such as the dispute over the duties imposed on softwood lumber exports and the continuing decline in commodity prices, are also reflected in many oral presentations and written submissions. The influence of these external market forces is reflected mainly, but not exclusively, in the submissions of people living in the province's resource-dependent, rural communities.

Closer to home, news stories of impending cutbacks in all government programs and services except health and education influenced the tone of the public hearings. This was particularly evident in towns like Nelson, Prince George and Victoria where public sector employment is a significant factor in the local economy.

Both the government's policy decisions and the unforeseen external forces formed the backdrop for the consultation process. These unique circumstances prompted one witness to describe the context in which the Finance Committee heard from British Columbians as "one of the most volatile in many decades."

SUMMARY OF CONSULTATION PROCESS

Between October 1 and October 25, 2001, the Finance Committee visited 16 communities to conduct public hearings. These hearings were held in all regions of the province: the northeast (Dawson Creek); the central interior-Cariboo (Prince George and Williams Lake); the lower mainland (Vancouver, Chilliwack and Surrey); the Thompson-Okanagan (Kamloops and Vernon); the Kootenays (Revelstoke, Trail and Cranbrook); Vancouver Island (Victoria, Nanaimo and Port McNeill); and the northwest (Terrace and Prince Rupert). The schedule of meetings related to the consultation process, as well as the witness list, are listed as appendix material.

During the pre-budget consultation process, the Finance Committee heard from over 650 British Columbians – 321 citizens expressed their views directly at the 16 public hearings, and another 334 sent written submissions directly to the Office of the Clerk of Committees. The witnesses represent a sizeable cross-section of the province's population, as the following table shows:

ORGANIZATIONS TAKING PART IN THE BUDGET 2002 CONSULTATION PROCESS

CROWN AGENCIES	BC Heritage Trust (Anne Edwards)	N/A
LOCAL GOVERNMENT		**POPULATION**
Municipalities	City of Dawson Creek (Mayor Wayne Dahlen)	11,715
	City of Fort St. John (Mayor Steve Thorlakson)	16,842
	City of Kamloops (Mayor Mel Rothenburger)	82,832
	City of Nelson (Councillor Gordon McAdams)	9,677
	City of Prince George (Mayor Colin Kinsley)	81,326
	City of Surrey (Councillor Judith Higginbotham)	340,094
	City of Vernon (Mayor Sean Harvey; Councillor Barry Beardsell)	34,678
	City of Williams Lake (Mayor Ivan Bonnell)	12,101
	Town of Port McNeill (Mayor Gerry Furney)	2,943
	Town of Princeton (Mayor Randy McLean)	3,081
	District of Chetwynd (Mayor Charlie Lasser; Councillor Bob Nicholson)	3,005
	District of Fort St. James (Mayor Jim Togyi; Councillor Byron Goerz)	2,130
	District of Kent (Councillor Ted Westlin)	5,506
	District of North Vancouver (Mayor Don Bell)	44,944
	District of Port Hardy (Mayor Russ Hellbert)	5,228
	District of Taylor (Mayor Fred Jarvis)	1,258
	District of Tumbler Ridge (Mayor Clay Iles)	2,331
	Old Masset Village Council (John Disney, EDO)	600
Regional districts	Mount Waddington (Chair Bill Shephard)	15,058
	Peace River (Directors Karen Goodings, Larry Houley, Albert Erbe)	60,379

Regional health boards	Greater Trail Community Health Council (Norman Gabana)	134,672
	Northern Interior Regional Health Board (Harry Hufty)	27,762
	North West Community Health Services Society	91,959
POLITICAL PARTIES		
Federal	Libby Davies, NDP MP Vancouver East	109,021
Provincial	Adriane Carr, Green Party of BC	3,000
BUSINESS ASSOCIATIONS		**MEMBERSHIP**
Vancouver-based	BC Automobile Dealers Association	330 dealers
	BC Chamber of Commerce	26,000 firms
	BC Business Council	165 firms
	BC Construction Association	1,700 firms
	BC Road Builders and Heavy Construction Association	165 firms
	BC Technology Industries Association	465 members
	Canadian Bankers Association (26,835 employees in BC)	
	Canadian Life and Health Insurance Association Inc.	9700 agents (BC)
	Insurance Bureau of Canada, Pacific Region	N/A
	Certified General Accountants of BC	N/A
	Institute of Chartered Accountants of BC	8,300
	Retail BC	3,500 red'rs
	Vancouver Board of Trade	4,400 firms
	Vancouver Regional Construction Association	630 firms
	Vancouver International Airport Authority	N/A
Victoria-based	Pacific District Regional Office, Canada Investment Dealers Ass'n	7,000 dealers
Regional	Central Interior Wood Processors Association	34 firms
	East Kootenay Chamber of Mines	N/A
	East Kootenay Home-Based Business Association	N/A
	Kootenay Livestock Association	N/A
	Northern BC Construction Association	300 firms
	Northern Lights Real Estate Board	5 agencies
	Southern Interior Construction Association	450 firms
	Comox Valley Farmers' Institute	N/A
	Island Farmers Alliance	N/A
	Vancouver Island Chapter, BC Federation of Drift Fishers	N/A
Local:	Chilliwack Chamber of Commerce	N/A
	Cranbrook and District Chamber of Commerce	500 firms
	Trail and District Chamber of Commerce	N/A
Other	Cariboo Economic Action Forum	N/A
	Prince George Region Development Corporation	N/A
	Prince Rupert Economic Development Commission	N/A
	Prince Rupert Port Authority	N/A
	Terrace Economic Development Authority	N/A

EDUCATION SECTOR		STUDENTS
Colleges	University Colleges of BC	30,000 (FTEs)
	College of New Caledonia	6,000
	College of the Rockies	
	Northern Lights College	12,000
	Northwest Community College	
	Okanagan University College	7,000 (FTEs)
	University College of the Cariboo	7,500
	University College of the Fraser Valley	6,200/6,519
Student Societies	Camosun College Students' Society	N/A
	Canadian Federation of Students	120,000 (BC)
	Sardis Secondary School Society of Debate and Politics	30
	Kwantlen University College Student Association	25,000
	Malaspina University College Students' Union	N/A
	North Island Students Association	N/A
	Northwest Community College Students Association	N/A
	Okanagan University College Students Association (Kalamalka Campus)	N/A
	University of Victoria Students Society	15,000
Faculty/Staff Associations	College Institute Educators' Association of BC	7,000
	Confederation of University Faculty Associations of BC	3,600
	Capilano College Faculty Association	900
	College of the Rockies Faculty Association	200
	Kwantlen University College Faculty Association	N/A
	Malaspina Faculty Association	N/A
	Northwest Community College Academic Workers' Union	55
	Selkirk College Faculty Association	130
	University College of the Cariboo Faculty Association	500
	University of Northern BC Faculty Association	280
LABOUR UNIONS		MEMBERSHIP
	BC Nurses' Union	25,000
	BC Federation of Labour	450,000
	BC Government and Service Employees' Union (and BCGEU local 612)	65,000
	BC Teachers Federation	45,000
	Kamloops-Thompson Teachers' Association	1,019
	Prince Rupert District Teachers' Union	222
	Terrace District Teachers' Union	N/A
	Communications, Energy and Paper Workers Union of Canada, Western Region	12,000 (BC)
	Hospital Employees' Union	46,000
	BC and Yukon Territory Building and Construction Trades Council	48,000 (BC)
	Allied Hydro Council of BC	N/A
	Canadian Union of Public Employees (and CUPE Local 3742)	65,000 (BC)

	Industrial, Wood and Allied Workers of Canada (IWA Canada)	55,000 (Nat)
	Office and Professional Employees International Union, Local 378	11,500 (BC)
	Kamloops and District Labour Council	8,500
	North Okanagan Labour Council	10,000
	Okanagan District Council of Carpenters	N/A
	Shuswap Columbia District Labour Council	N/A
	Victoria Labour Council	27,000
	West Kootenay Labour Council	N/A
	United Steelworkers of America, District 3	22,000 (BC)
PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS		**MEMBERSHIP**
	BC Excluded Employees Association	6,200
	BC Pharmacy Association	1,600
	BC Probation Officers Association	500
	BC Settlement and Integration Workers Association	N/A
	BC Branch, Canadian Bar Association Poverty Law Section	N/A
	Comox Valley Chapter, Registered Nurses Association of BC	N/A
	Investment Dealers Association of Canada	N/A
NON-PROFIT SOCIETIES		
Umbrella organizations:	Affiliation of Multicultural Societies and Agencies of BC	81 affiliates
	BC Association of Child Care Services	N/A
	BC Child Care Advocacy Forum	6 prov. Affs
	BC Brain Injury Associations	42 affiliates
	BC Coalition of People with Disabilities	N/A
	BC Co-operative Housing Federation	260 co-ops
	BC Non-Profit Housing Association	N/A
	BC Women's Housing Coalition	N/A
	Provincial Tenants Rights Action Coalition	N/A
	BC Federation of Drift Fishers	N/A
	BC Federation of Fly Fishers	N/A
	BC Lake Stewardship Society	N/A
	BC Steelhead Society	N/A
	BC Persons with AIDS Society	3,600 mbrs
	BC Social Planning and Research Council	11,000 mbrs
	BC-Yukon Provincial Council, Scouts Canada	N/A
	Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives, BC Office	N/A
	Canadian Taxpayers Federation, BC Division	N/A
	Canadian Parks and Wilderness Society, BC Chapter	4,000 (BC)
	Council of Canadians, Kelowna and Vernon chapters	N/A
	Help MELP Campaign	86 affiliates
	Search and Rescue Volunteer Association of Canada	4,200 (BC)
	Western Canada Wilderness Committee	13,000 (BC)
	Working Group on Poverty, Vancouver	150 affiliates

Local/Regional Groups	Abbotsford Community Legal Services Society	N/A
	AIDS Vancouver	3,000 clients
	Burke Mountain Naturalists	350 mbrs
	Cariboo-Chilcotin Child Development Centre Association	872clients/yr
	Cariboo-Chilcotin Partners for Literacy	N/A
	Cariboo Economic Action Forum Society	1,000 mbrs
	Central Interior Regional Arts Council	N/A
	Central Okanagan Science Opportunities for Kids Society	N/A
	Chilliwack Field Naturalists	N/A
	Chilliwack Restorative Justice and Youth Diversion Association	500 since '98
	Christina Lake Community Stewardship Resource Centre	N/A
	Coalition of Leaky Condo Owners (and Conduit)	N/A
	Compensation and Accountability to Soaked Homeowners Society	45,000 (BC)
	Coast Foundation Society, Vancouver	N/A
	Cranbrook Library Association	N/A
	Cranbrook Women's Resource Society	N/A
	Cranbrook and District Arts Council	N/A
	Creston and District Community Resource Centre Society	1,000 a year
	Desert Rose Society — People with Disabilities Network, Penticton	N/A
	East Kootenay Child Care Planning Council	N/A
	East Kootenay Environmental Society	650members
	Fort St. John Association for Community Living	N/A
	Fraser Valley East Brain Injury Association	450 cases/ yr
	Hope and Area Transition House Society	53 women
	Hope Community Justice Program	N/A
	Houston Friendship Centre Society	N/A
	Innovative Housing Society, Vancouver	N/A
	Kamloops Active Support Against Poverty Society	N/A
	Kamloops Pro-Life Society	N/A
	Kelowna and Vernon Chapters, Council of Canadians	100,000(Nat)
	Ksan Housing Society, Terrace	279 women
	Lookout Emergency Aid Society	N/A
	Lookout Enterprises	N/A
	Lower Mainland Network for Affordable Housing	30+ affiliates
	Lu'ma Native Housing Society, Vancouver	N/A
	Nanaimo Home Support Action Group	N/A
	Nelson Advocacy Centre	400 clients/m
	Nelson and District Women's Centre	N/A
	Nelson Community Services Centre	N/A
	North Okanagan Family Resource Centre	N/A
	North Okanagan Social Planning Council	N/A
	Okanagan –Simalkameen Boundary Fisheries Partnership	N/A
	Prince George Active Support Against Poverty Society	N/A
	Restorative Justice – Saanich	N/A
	Revelstoke for a Safe Trans-Canada Highway Society	N/A
	St. James Community Service Society, Vancouver	N/A
	Salmon River Watershed Roundtable	N/A
	Seniors Summit Housing Work Group, Vancouver	N/A

	South Delta Family Child Care Association	N/A
	Terrace and Area Health Watch Group	N/A
	Terrace & District Community Services Society	N/A
	Terrace Women's Resource Centre	N/A
	Trail Advocacy Centre	N/A
	Trail and District Day Care Society	N/A
	Trail Association for Community Living	N/A
	Trail Family and Individual Resource Centre Society	N/A
	Trail Regional Hospital and Health Foundation	N/A
	Trail Women's Group	N/A
	United Native Nations Society, Vancouver	N/A
	Upper Fraser Valley Community Restorative Justice Programs Network	7 affiliates
	Vernon and District Women's Centre	N/A
	Victoria – Culture Acts Now	N/A
	Victoria Together Against Poverty Society	N/A
	Victoria Women's Sexual Assault Centre	N/A
	Voters for Economic and Social Justice	N/A
	Wells Grey Community Resources Society	N/A

MAJOR THEMES EMERGING FROM THE CONSULTATION PROCESS

Not surprisingly, the Finance Committee heard a variety of different views about the key issues that need to be addressed in the 2002 provincial budget and subsequent financial plans. Rather than focusing on the five specific questions posed in the "Budget 2002 Consultation Paper," most witnesses chose instead to talk more broadly about the new government's financial plan — namely, the proposed spending cuts to bring the deficit under control and the tax cuts to stimulate the economy. In this context, three main themes emerged from the consultation process. They are:

1. Stay on the present course.
2. You're going too far, too fast.
3. Proceed with caution.

THEME 1: STAY ON THE PRESENT COURSE

Witnesses stressed that the government has a clear mandate from British Columbians to implement its promises outlined in the New Era document and so it should proceed with its financial plan. From their perspective, both the implemented and proposed tax cuts, as well as initiatives to reduce the regulatory burden on the private sector, are positive ways to revive the provincial economy. Some witnesses advocated that the government must engage in a dramatic restructuring of government services and even accelerate the pace of change.

The supporters of the government's present financial plan included representatives of the accounting and banking professions, the leaders of major business associations in the province and individual business owners and concerned citizens — including a "taxed-out taxpayer." They urged the government not to waver but to stay on the present course. To illustrate their views, sample quotes are now presented.

What We Heard:

> *"We urge government to stay the course advertised, to adhere to its service targets and deficit elimination timetable. We believe the majority of British Columbians appreciate that there is never an optimum time to get one's fiscal house in order. They also appreciate that wrestling with B.C.'s accumulated debt is long overdue. The balanced budget target of 2004 remains essential if B.C. is going to regain its competitive edge."* (Brenda L. Waechter, President, Certified General Accountants Association of B.C.)

> *"I would like to reiterate that although your government continues to make some very difficult fiscal and policy decisions, the Royal Bank of Canada Financial Group is supportive of the direction in which the government is currently headed. Economic renewal in this province is not going to take place overnight and an ongoing commitment to a strategic recovery process will be needed to ensure real and positive change takes place."* (Anne Sutherland, RBC Financial Group, BC and Yukon)

"I just want to begin by congratulating the current government on its bold initiatives taken in the early days of the new administration that touched on changes to personal and business taxes. I think, and I speak quite confidently in this, that the reaction within the broad-based business community was one of optimism and encouragement. I wanted to indicate that the Business Council of British Columbia believes that the government is on the right course." (Jerry Lampert, Business Council of BC)

"I applaud the government's actions to date and encourage them to stay the course they've chosen. It will lead to a richer, more prosperous province in the months and years to come." (George Hunter, B.C. Technology Industries Association)

"We need a proper balance in the business environment, so let's change the paradigm. You're doing a lot towards that already, and I would just urge more." (Stan Rogers, Chilliwack Chamber of Commerce)

"The new government needs to stay the course. We need lower taxes, leaner government and accountability. I want the present government to stick with its original plan. Don't give in to short-term pressures. Do what is right by staying focused on the big picture for the long term." (Dr. Ron Beaton, Rokadent Holdings, Delta)

"I like the way you're handling the transition into power, the way that you people are respecting the promises you made. I don't think I've ever seen a government that has stuck as close to their agenda and to their promises as what you people have so far. Don't step off that path, please." (Councillor Bob Nicholson, District of Chetwynd)

"I support your government's efforts to stimulate economic growth through lower taxes, and I also support the spending-cutting measures that are being taken. While I believe that many public sector employees are underpaid, the same is true for most B.C. residents, who — along with their businesses — cannot support the level of spending to which we have become accustomed." (Kris Kingston, P. Eng, Smithers).

"Stay the course. The B.C. Liberal Party made many promises and commitments before and during the recent election campaign. So far those promises have been kept. Keep it up." (Don Silversides, Prince Rupert Hearing)

"Proceed with the promised tax cuts, reduce government and balance the budgets ASAP!" (E. Kulicki, Creston)

THEME 2: YOU'RE GOING TOO FAR, TOO FAST

Other witnesses, however, were not supportive of the new administration's efforts to restructure government. They argued that given the economic uncertainty since the tragic events of September 11, now is not the right time to proceed with the proposed cuts in government spending or to implement further tax cuts. Other people focused more on presenting the case for maintaining, and even increasing, the size of the public sector. They claimed that there is no need to change the way government conducts its business, because its services are not only essential but also sustainable.

The leaders of the major unions in the province presented the case for maintaining the existing size of the public sector and avoiding spending cuts. Educators and students representing the post-secondary sector also thought funding should be maintained, if not enhanced, for advanced education and other core government services.

Individual government employees, too, urged the government not to cut services. Their comments were echoed by some residents of resource-dependent communities, who voiced concerns about the impact of external market forces and public service cutbacks on their local economies.

What We Heard:

"Our Federation believes that provincially funded services provide critical economic and social benefits in every BC community and that your 2002 budget must protect and enhance those services." (Jim Sinclair, BC Federation of Labour)

"As the Fiscal Review Panel advised, the government should proceed with caution and should avoid across-the-board spending cuts and take the time to create made-in-BC solutions." (George Heyman, BCGEU)

"The government's current policy will clearly diminish our quality of life. It will do so while undermining its own stated goals of economic recovery. The world has changed since September 11. Citizens are calling for increasing government control in the provision of public services. Now is the time to build and strengthen those services, not to dismantle them. We are willing to work with you to make that happen." (Barry O'Neill, Canadian Union of Public Employees, BC Division)

"The Premier's plan for spending cuts of 35 percent across many ministries is simply going to shut down any provincial government presence in a whole host of small and medium-sized communities all across the province — but particularly in pulp and paper communities." (David Coles, Communications, Energy and Paper Workers of Canada)

"If you push through your $2 billion in cuts, I'm certain it will force the closure of many provincial offices in towns and communities where losing a 20-person/50-person/100-person provincial office is a huge economic blow to that community." (Carol Landry, United Steelworkers of America, District 3)

"In terms of specific spending changes, we caution against acting too hastily to fulfil election commitments in advance of a proper assessment of the needs and capacity of each sector to maintain necessary services and programs and to meet a new set of priorities. If education is a top priority, that means providing necessary new and upgraded facilities for students throughout the province." (Maureen Shaw, College Institute Educators'Association of BC)

"We hope the government will reconsider its plan to freeze funding for post-secondary education. At this time of economic transition and a growing youth population, expanding access to post-secondary education is the best investment the government can make. The planned cuts to funding for post-secondary education will close doors for young people and will deny British Columbia businesses the skilled and knowledgeable workers they require to compete successfully in the knowledge economy." (Summer McFadyen, Canadian Federation of Students).

"I want to be sure you understand this is not a numbers game. These are lives of people who pay you. Every person that loses their job potentially puts a further burden on the other provincial services, as well as the community. Forcing people to move to another community or out of the province, reducing the revenues to the community tax base and small business result in a chain reaction of further layoffs." (Brian Podger, Dawson Creek)

"Please consider what impact government employee cuts will have on communities, such as Nelson, where the city's largest employer is the BC government and many families have both wage earners working for the provincial government." (Lorie Buss, Nelson)

"We didn't realize the repercussions of the personal tax cuts until the last few weeks. We didn't understand the price we would have to pay. Our province needs the social infrastructure that is in place. It needs all of it. It needs it for everyone, and it may need it even more in the coming year. We can't afford to let anything drop off the table." (Stephanie Mundeling, Williams Lake)

"The economy of the forgotten north is already in bad shape. We need a boost not a balanced budget." (Patricia Irving, Terrace)

"I am totally opposed to any cuts to B.C.'s public programs." (Robert Smith, Squamish)

THEME 3: PROCEED WITH CAUTION

On the other hand, a sizeable group of witnesses were uncomfortable with the prospect of no change at all in the way government conducts its business. Rather than proceeding full steam ahead, though, they urged the government to proceed with its plan to restructure government in a cautious and thoughtful way, and also to display compassion in the decisions it makes about spending priorities in the 2002 budget

The proponents of a cautious approach included some business people in Vancouver, a representative from the legal profession, the province's child, youth and family advocate, and a local councillor. Front-line workers and volunteers in the community-based social services sector also urged the government not to make rash decisions about essential social services designed to protect the most vulnerable people in society.

What We Heard:

"We applaud the government's commitment to eliminate the deficit over time and hence halt the increase in the provincial debt. But we need to point out that the current situation we're facing today is quite different from that which existed prior to September 11. The impact of the softwood lumber dispute is already costing jobs. The aftermath of September 11 is expected to have a substantial negative impact on both the U.S. and Canadian economies and the British Columbia economy. We believe it's important, therefore, that the government carefully consider its fiscal strategies in light of the major changes that have occurred...and prepare a contingency plan with an extended target date to balance the budget if required." (Darcy Rezac, Vancouver Board of Trade)

"We support a fiscal plan for British Columbia that is realistic, affordable and measurable. And we are of the opinion that it is critical to assess economic, social and fiscal policy together in order to arrive at a budget which will meet the needs of all British Columbians — including those with low incomes, people with disabilities, seniors, tenants and the working poor." (Patricia Macdonald, Canadian Bar Association Poverty Law Section)

"The Advocate's Office urges the provincial government to... implement a needs-based budgeting process that will provide adequate resources to meet the essential social service needs of children, youth and families in B.C." (Laverne MacFadden, A/Child, Youth and Family Advocate for the Province of B.C.)

"I'm here this evening to tell you that in the next year, when you are slowing down and realizing how you're going to spend your money in the term of your office, I would ask that you think very carefully and listen and understand what growing communities like Surrey need. We probably have the highest school population in the whole of British Columbia, so our needs are in secondary schools and certainly post-secondary education." (Councillor Judith Higginbotham, City of Surrey)

"Don't cut programs that are working well. Monitor them certainly, but keep them in place for now. Change done too rapidly can cause more costs in the long run. This was the case when the Human Resources child abuse team was disbanded under the Bill Bennett government." (Elizabeth Thunstrom, Coquitlam)

"By cutting public services, British Columbians are going to get fewer services and thereby suffer. Let's face it no single taxpayer can afford to hire a social worker to watch over the children of the

community. But many taxpayers together can certainly afford a few dollars to collectively employ that same social worker." (Peter Kerek, Kamloops)

"I want you to be very cautious. Contracting out is not a cost-saving measure, believe me. When you're looking at changes to one kind of system that's involved with the social network, be very careful. The impacts that happen in Human Resources, because of major changes there...are things you don't necessarily think of. You don't have as many people on social assistance, but are you comparing how many children are coming into care and how many people are perhaps going to jail and even committing suicide? I would like to challenge you to think about some of those things and find ways of measuring that, because I don't believe that is commonly done." (Colleen Sinclair, Surrey)

"Not only is it ethically right to treat people with compassion, but it also makes good business sense." (Doreen Gee, Victoria)

"We've got to make sure we look after the *seniors*, the people who started this country." (Mayor Charlie Lasser, District of Chetrwynd)

"Before I finish, I'd like to caution the government to please be very careful that the cuts they make do not put our volunteer organizations in jeopardy. I can personally attest to the benefit of having volunteers within the victim services program and the restorative justice program. While I know that grants for volunteer groups have already been cut, I'd like to ask this committee to consider a taxable benefit for those who use their own fuel and who pay their own expenses for organizations that do not have any ongoing funding." (Kelly Marie Carson, Port McNeill)

SPECIFIC SUGGESTIONS

As we have seen, the witnesses have differing views on the key issues that need to be addressed in the next budget(s) — namely, whether tax cuts and spending cuts to all government services, except health and education, should go ahead.

As well, witnesses offered many specific suggestions on a variety of topics.

In fact, to make it easier for the public to present their ideas, the Ministry of Finance prepared and attached a form to the report of the Fiscal Review Panel. This form offered British Columbians the option of making their suggestions for a realistic, affordable and measurable fiscal plan, by answering a series of questions listed under five headings:

A. Expenditure Priorities

B. Revenue Priorities

C. Re-establishing BC as an Economic Leader

D. Performance Measures and Targets

E. Other Ideas

Only a handful of witnesses, however, used this guide to express their views. For example, out of the 243 written submissions received by the Office of the Clerk of Committees, only 28 forms were returned. Despite their small number, the 14 signed forms contain a variety of perspectives on the government's financial policy. Following the precedent established in last year's budget consultation process, the completed forms will be forwarded to the Ministry of Finance for review.

The submissions of witnesses who did not use the form contain a lot of specific suggestions about program funding and service delivery, tax policy, economic development and performance measures and targets. Their proposals affect many other ministries besides Finance. This wealth of information could also help to inform the process of developing the 2002 budget and the government's subsequent financial plans.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Based on what we have heard and our own deliberations, we recommend that:

1. **The government of British Columbia stay the course, proceeding cautiously in a manner which protects the most vulnerable members of our society.**
2. **The Ministry of Finance and Corporate Relations should consider the witnesses' specific suggestions about improving the budget-making process and streamlining the delivery of government services, and forward their practical ideas to the appropriate ministries for due consideration.**
3. **The government of British Columbia should develop an effective strategy to receive input from front-line workers in the public service on an ongoing basis, including the core services review process.**

APPENDIX I - SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS

September 6, 2001	Victoria	Organization
September 14, 2001	Victoria	Briefings
October 1, 2001	Dawson Creek	Public Hearing
October 1, 2001	Prince George	Public Hearing
October 2, 2001	Williams Lake	Public Hearing
October 2, 2001	Kamloops	Public Hearing
October 9, 2001	Vancouver	Public Hearing
October 10, 2001	Chilliwack	Public Hearing
October 10, 2001	Surrey	Public Hearing
October 15, 2001	Vernon	Public Hearing
October 15, 2001	Revelstoke	Public Hearing
October 16, 2001	Trail	Public Hearing
October 16, 2001	Cranbrook	Public Hearing
October 23, 2001	Victoria	Public Hearing
October 24, 2001	Nanaimo	Public Hearing
October 24, 2001	Port McNeil	Public Hearing
October 25, 2001	Terrace	Public Hearing
October 25, 2001	Prince Rupert	Public Hearing
October 31, 2001	Victoria	Deliberations
November 7, 2001	Victoria	Subcommittee Deliberations
November 13, 2001	Victoria	Subcommittee Deliberations
November 14, 2001	Victoria	Deliberations
November 15, 2001	Victoria	Report

APPENDIX II – WITNESS LIST

	Submission No.	Witness Information
Susan Abbott		10-Oct-01 Chilliwack
Karen Abramsen Council of Canadians (Kelowna and Vernon Chapters)	FGS-Sub-142	15-Oct-01 Vernon
Pat Ahern B.C. Federation of Drift Fishers	FGS-Sub-267	
Kathy Allan	FGS-Sub-48	
Chris Allnutt Hospital Employees Union	FGS-Sub-350	
Rachel Alma		23-Oct-01 Victoria
Rene Andersen	FGS-Sub-182	
Frank Anderson	FGS-Sub-408	02-Oct-01 Kamloops
Frank Anderson		15-Oct-01 Revelstoke
Jeff Anderson Persons with AIDS Society of B.C.	FGS-Sub-418	09-Oct-01 Vancouver
Melissa Andrew	FGS-Sub-284	
F.A. Annesley Church Pickard & Co.	FGS-Sub-155	
David Annis British Columbia Chamber of Commerce	FGS-Sub-241	24-Oct-01 Nanaimo
Gordon Arborak	FGS-Sub-371	
John Argue Working Group on Poverty	FGS-Sub-311	
Vince Arimare Cariboo Economic Action Forum		25-Oct-01 Prince Rupert
Thom Armstrong Co-operative Housing Federation of BC	FGS-Sub-297	
W. Robert Arnold Voters for Economic and Social Justice	FGS-Sub-115	
Peter Ashmore East Kootenay Child Care Planning Council		16-Oct-01 Cranbrook
George Atamanenko	FGS-Sub-397	02-Oct-01 Williams Lake
Gary Aven Central Interior Wood Processors Association	FGS-Sub-376	01-Oct-01 Dawson Creek
Keith Aviss	FGS-Sub-42	
Andrew Bachmann	FGS-Sub-196	
Mr. and Mrs. Bain	FGS-Sub-121	
Jag Bains		09-Oct-01 Vancouver

Valoree Baker Kamloops Active Support Against Poverty	FGS-Sub-411	02-Oct-01 Kamloops
Robert Bakos Canadian Bankers Association	FGS-Sub-415	09-Oct-01 Vancouver
Larry Bancroft Kamloops and District Labour Council	FGS-Sub-407	02-Oct-01 Kamloops
Michael Bancroft	FGS-Sub-17	
Fred Banham District of Tumbler Ridge	FGS-Sub-375	01-Oct-01 Dawson Creek
Barb Banting Ministry of Forests	FGS-Sub-20	
Dorothy Barker	FGS-Sub-239	24-Oct-01 Nanaimo
John S. Barnes Central Heat Distribution Ltd	FGS-Sub-161	
Patty Barnes Academic Workers Union, Northwest Community College		25-Oct-01 Terrace
Richard and Paula Barnes	FGS-Sub-52	
Roger Barnsley University College of the Cariboo	FGS-Sub-457	02-Oct-01 Kamloops
Douglas Barr	FGS-Sub-243	24-Oct-01 Nanaimo
Karen Barratt	FGS-Sub-163	
Louise Barre	FGS-Sub-22	
Randy Bartsch EcoTex Service Corporation	FGS-Sub-453	23-Oct-01 Victoria
Dr. Harold Bassford University Colleges of BC	FGS-Sub-426	10-Oct-01 Chiliwack
James Bast	FGS-Sub-398	02-Oct-01 Williams Lake
Grant Baudais	FGS-Sub-310	
Mary Elizabeth Bayer CAN - Culture Acts Now	FGS-Sub-125	
Councillor Barry Beardsell City of Vernon		15-Oct-01 Vernon
Steve Beasley Malaspina University College Students' Union		24-Oct-01 Nanaimo
Ron Beaton	FGS-Sub-87	
Paul Boch Steelhead Society of BC	FGS-Sub-432	10-Oct-01 Surrey
Leonne Beebe Upper Fraser Valley Community Restorative Justice Programs Network	FGS-Sub-292	
B. Beeson	FGS-Sub-371	
Kerr Bell	FGS-Sub-86	
Mayor Don Bell District of North Vancouver	FGS-Sub-438	10-Oct-01 Surrey
Susanne Bellefontaine	FGS-Sub-207	25-Oct-01 Prince Rupert

Heidi Bennett BC Lake Stewardship Society	FGS-Sub-288	
Scott S. Benson	FGS-Sub-274	
Larry Berg Vancouver International Airport Authority	FGS-Sub-286	
John Bergenske East Kootenay Environmental Society	FGS-Sub-153	16-Oct-01 Cranbrook
Dan Berkshire Campbell River Advisory Planning Commission		24-Oct-01 Port McNeil
Chris Berryman	FGS-Sub-270	
Chris and Suzanne Betuzzi	FGS-Sub-47	
Ian Beveridge BC Federation of Fly Fishers	FGS-Sub-238	24-Oct-01 Nanaimo
John Birnie Northern Lights College	FGS-Sub-373	01-Oct-01 Dawson Creek
Margaret Birrell BC Coalition of People with Disabilities		09-Oct-01 Vancouver
Jeff Black Vancouver Board of Trade	FGS-Sub-415	09-Oct-01 Vancouver
John Black Malaspina University College Faculty Association	FGS-Sub-122	
Dale Blackburn Stolt Sea Farm, Inc.	FGS-Sub-232	24-Oct-01 Port McNeil
Michele Blais Family Resource Centre for the North Okanagan	FGS-Sub-140	15-Oct-01 Vernon
Don Blakely Search and Rescue Services	FGS-Sub-298	
R. Bleeker	FGS-Sub-371	
Diane Boivin-Mitchell	FGS-Sub-53	
Ma[illegible]n Bonnell Cit[illegible] Williams Lake	FGS-Sub-402	02-Oct-01 Williams Lake
Constantine Bonnis		09-Oct-01 Vancouver
Pat Borovec Terrace and District Community Services	FGS-Sub-214	
Michelle Boshard Okanagan-Similkameen-Boundary Fisheries Partnership	FGS-Sub-287	
Robert H. Botterell	FGS-Sub-4	23-Oct-01 Victoria
Vanessa Bramhill		25-Oct-01 Prince Rupert
Dr. Bruce Brandhorst	FGS-Sub-262	
Kevin Brandu	FGS-Sub-371	
Richelle Brazunis	FGS-Sub-81	
Dave Brewer Search and Rescue Services	FGS-Sub-278	
Laura Briggs	FGS-Sub-352	
Bill Brinton	FGS-Sub-431	10-Oct-01 Chiliwack

Alice Brown Council of Canadians (Kelowna and Vernon Chapters)	FGS-Sub-142	15-Oct-01 Vernon
Brenda Brown	FGS-Sub-393	02-Oct-01 Williams Lake
Dyane Brown	FGS-Sub-309	
Gail Brown East Kootenay Child Care Planning Council		16-Oct-01 Cranbrook
Joy Brown	FGS-Sub-181	
Neal Brown	FGS-Sub-119	
Jack Bryceland Chilliwack Search and Rescue Services	FGS-Sub-293	
Dan Buck Northwest Community College Students Association		25-Oct-01 Terrace
Chris Bull	FGS-Sub-322	
Lyse Burgess	FGS-Sub-65	
Tom Burgess Help MELP Campaign	FGS-Sub-156	23-Oct-01 Victoria
Darrell Burnham Coast Foundation Society	FGS-Sub-337	
Danielle Burrows Canadian Federation of Students		24-Oct-01 Port McNeil
Ken Burt Okanagan University College	FGS-Sub-138	15-Oct-01 Vernon
Lisa Busche	FGS-Sub-18	
Lorie Buss	FGS-Sub-11	
Lori Byrne Ministry of Advanced Education	FGS-Sub-21	
Lorne Calder Prince George Development Corporation		01-Oct-01 Prince George
Robin Caldwell		10-Oct-01 Chiliwack
Don Cameron		02-Oct-01 Kamloops
Michael J. Cameron	FGS-Sub-306	
Kathy Campbell	FGS-Sub-237	24-Oct-01 Nanaimo
Barb Carle-Thiesson Purtzki-Carle-Thiesson Chartered Accountants	FGS-Sub-245	24-Oct-01 Nanaimo
Lars Carlson	FGS-Sub-401	
John Carmichael	FGS-Sub-94	
Adriane Carr Green Party of BC	FGS-Sub-347	
Doug Carrothers Canadian Life and Health Insurance Association Inc.	FGS-Sub-197	23-Oct-01 Victoria
Kelly Marie Carson	FGS-Sub-231	24-Oct-01 Port McNeil
Clovette Chandler	FGS-Sub-38	
D.W. Charles	FGS-Sub-371	

David Cherry	FGS-Sub-244	24-Oct-01 Nanaimo
Neils Christiansen Salmon River Watershed Roundtable	FGS-Sub-370	
Ian Christison Island Farmers Alliance	FGS-Sub-247	
David Chudnovsky B.C. Teachers Federation	FGS-Sub-135	23-Oct-01 Victoria
Jim Chute City of Dawson Creek	FGS-Sub-381	01-Oct-01 Dawson Creek
Rob Clark		15-Oct-01 Revelstoke
Debbie Clarke	FGS-Sub-329	
Val Cleary		10-Oct-01 Chilliwack
Ken Clement Lu'ma Native Housing Society	FGS-Sub-260	
Robert Clift Confederation of University Faculty Associations of B.C.	FGS-Sub-103	09-Oct-01 Vancouver
Dave Clyne	FGS-Sub-269	
Don Coburn	FGS-Sub-39	
Gail Cocker Canadian Bankers Association	FGS-Sub-415	
Kirk Cockerill	FGS-Sub-371	
Stephanie Coe		24-Oct-01 Port McNeil
David Coles Communications, Energy and Paper Workers Union of Canada		23-Oct-01 Victoria
Mark Collins		25-Oct-01 Terrace
Des Connor Restorative Justice – Saanich	FGS-Sub-70	
Gary Coons Prince Rupert District Teachers' Union		25-Oct-01 Prince Rupert
Ellen Corea Northern Lights College	FGS-Sub-373	01-Oct-01 Dawson Creek
Darwyn Coxson University of Northern British Columbia Faculty Association		01-Oct-01 Prince George
Scott Crawford Island Farmers Alliance	FGS-Sub-451	24-Oct-01 Nanaimo
Deborah Critchley Vernon and District Women's Centre	FGS-Sub-139	15-Oct-01 Vernon
Pat Crowell Hope and Area Transition Society	FGS-Sub-157	
Nancy Curtis	FGS-Sub-27	
Yuri Cvitkovich Seniors Summit	FGS-Sub-336	
Paul Czene		09-Oct-01 Vancouver

Rose Dacosta Canadian Federation of Students		24-Oct-01 Nanaimo
Simon Dadds		25-Oct-01 Terrace
Mayor Wayne Dahlen City of Dawson Creek	FGS-Sub-381	01-Oct-01 Dawson Creek
Mark Daniels Canadian Life and Health Insurance Association Inc.	FGS-Sub-197	23-Oct-01 Victoria
Jack Davidson BC Road Builders and Heavy Construction Association	FGS-Sub-428	10-Oct-01 Chilliwack
Sheila Davidson Child Care Advocacy Forum of BC	FGS-Sub-433	10-Oct-01 Surrey
Libby Davies NDP MP, Vancouver East	FGS-Sub-308	
Neil Campbell Davis		09-Oct-01 Vancouver
Mark Davison	FGS-Sub-435	10-Oct-01 Surrey
David Day BC Excluded Employees' Association	FGS-Sub-257	
Harold Daykin	FGS-Sub-439	10-Oct-01 Surrey
Charlene de Glopper	FGS-Sub-85	
Geoff Dean	FGS-Sub-440	10-Oct-01 Surrey
Lee Anne Deegan	FGS-Sub-206	25-Oct-01 Prince Rupert
Debbie Demare	FGS-Sub-395	02-Oct-01 Williams Lake
Brian Denton	FGS-Sub-456	25-Oct-01 Prince Rupert
Mark Dickie	FGS-Sub-78	
Roy Dietriech	FGS-Sub-174	16-Oct-01 Cranbrook
John Disney Old Massett Village Council	FGS-Sub-282	
Colin A.C. Dobell	FGS-Sub-358	
Irmgard I. Dommel	FGS-Sub-5	
Shirley Dorais University College of the Cariboo		02-Oct-01 Kamloops
David Doran North Okanagan Labour Council	FGS-Sub-141	15-Oct-01 Vernon
Brian D. Downie Sander Woolf and Downie Chartered Accountants	FGS-Sub-372	01-Oct-01 Dawson Creek
Harry W. Drage	FGS-Sub-365	
Dean Draper	FGS-Sub-173	16-Oct-01 Cranbrook
Copper Drew South Okanagan Labour Counci	FGS-Sub-55	

Catherine Dubinsky	FGS-Sub-179	
Arthur Duhame	FGS-Sub-226	24-Oct-01 Port McNeil
Gordon D. Dunn	FGS-Sub-307	
M. Dilorio Dunn	FGS-Sub-191	
Eric Dutcyvich LeMare Lake Logging		24-Oct-01 Port McNeil
Anna I. Dwyer KINO-I-productions		09-Oct-01 Vancouver
Geraldine Dyble Hope and Area Transition Society	FGS-Sub-157	
Geraldine Dyble Hope Community Justice Program	FGS-Sub-158	
Joanne Dyck		15-Oct-01 Vernon
Ken Dyson		24-Oct-01 Port McNeil
Hilda Earl	FGS-Sub-315	
Anne Edwards B.C. Heritage Trust	FGS-Sub-148	16-Oct-01 Cranbrook
Greg Edwards		15-Oct-01 Revelstoke
Odd Eidsvik	FGS-Sub-204	25-Oct-01 Prince Rupert
Katie Elder Sardis Secondary School Society of Debate and Politics	FGS-Sub-429	10-Oct-01 Chiliwack
Dianne Elliott	FGS-Sub-76	
Robin Elliott Chartered Accountants of BC	FGS-Sub-417	09-Oct-01 Vancouver
Blaine Ellis		16-Oct-01 Trail
Greg Engh		10-Oct-01 Chiliwack
Gale Engstrom		02-Oct-01 Williams Lake
Brian Epp	FGS-Sub-75	
Albert Erbe Peace River Regional District		01-Oct-01 Dawson Creek
Corky Evans		16-Oct-01 Trail
Kevin Evans Retail BC		09-Oct-01 Vancouver
Noreen Evers	FGS-Sub-265	24-Oct-01 Port McNeil
Melanie Fahlman-Reid Capilano College Faculty Association	FGS-Sub-280	
Bernard Fahy	FGS-Sub-190	
Bruce F. Fairley	FGS-Sub-252	
E. Farrier	FGS-Sub-100	

Dan Ferguson		02-Oct-01 Kamloops
Derek Ferguson Renewal Investment Corp.	FGS-Sub-279	
Roseline Ferré B. C. Wood Works Project	FGS-Sub-281	
Ken Fiedler	FGS-Sub-371	
Jock Finlayson Business Council of B.C.	FGS-Sub-425	09-Oct-01 Vancouver
Bob Fish Cariboo-Chilcotin Child Development Centre Association	FGS-Sub-399	02-Oct-01 Williams Lake
Philip Fitzpatrick	FGS-Sub-196	
Craig Fitzsimmons Institute of Chartered Accountants of BC	FGS-Sub-321	
S.R. Flavel	FGS-Sub-106	
Gail Flavelle		01-Oct-01 Dawson Creek
Ray Fleming		24-Oct-01 Port McNeil
Anne Fletcher		23-Oct-01 Victoria
Patricia Floyd Cranbrook Women's Resource Society	FGS-Sub-340	
Florence Flynn	FGS-Sub-405	02-Oct-01 Williams Lake
John Foglia		16-Oct-01 Trail
Jo Ann Fowler	FGS-Sub-443	15-Oct-01 Revelstoke
Joe Foy Western Canada Wilderness Committee	FGS-Sub-289	
Doug Fraser Chilliwack Search & Rescue	FGS-Sub-293	
Steven A. Fraser	FGS-Sub-8	
Brian French	FGS-Sub-250	
Jennifer French Central Okanagan Science Opportunities for Kids Society	FGS-Sub-296	
Thomas Friedman University College of the Cariboo Faculty Association	FGS-Sub-406	02-Oct-01 Kamloops
J. Dianne Friend	FGS-Sub-32	
Tony Fryer	FGS-Sub-305	
Laurie Fulford	FGS-Sub-28	
John Funk	FGS-Sub-294	
Warren Funt Investment Dealers Association of Canada	FGS-Sub-276	
Mayor Gerry Furney Town of Port McNeill	FGS-Sub-234	24-Oct-01 Port McNeil
Norman Gabana Greater Trail Community Health Council	FGS-Sub-171	16-Oct-01 Trail

D'Arcy Gabriele	FGS-Sub-312	
Nancy Gale Cariboo-Chilcotin Child Development Centre Association		02-Oct-01 Williams Lake
Brian D. Garland	FGS-Sub-99	
Vanessa Geary Provincial Tenants Rights Action Coalition	FGS-Sub-341	
Doreen Gee	FGS-Sub-364	
Val George	FGS-Sub-217	25-Oct-01 Terrace
Richard Gerstmar	FGS-Sub-222	24-Oct-01 Port McNeil
Marty Gibbons Shuswap Columbia District Labour Council		15-Oct-01 Revelstoke
John Gill Canadian Life and Health Insurance Association Inc.		23-Oct-01 Victoria
Ruth Gillies	FGS-Sub-254	
Byng Giraud MGM Television	FGS-Sub-345	
Councillor Byron Goerz District of Fort St. James	FGS-Sub-388	01-Oct-01 Prince George
Michael Goldberg Social Planning and Research Council of B.C.	FGS-Sub-159	09-Oct-01 Vancouver
Elaine Golds Burke Mountain Naturalists	FGS-Sub-354	
Tim Goode ASG Investment Ltd	FGS-Sub-194	
Karen Goodings Peace River Regional District	FGS-Sub-380	01-Oct-01 Dawson Creek
Linda Gordon	FGS-Sub-26	
Sally Gose Women's Sexual Assault Centre	FGS-Sub-339	
Rosalie Gower	FGS-Sub-109	
Udo Grady	FGS-Sub-84	
Katrina Graham	FGS-Sub-37	
Stephanie Gray	FGS-Sub-196	
Jim Greene Red Mountain Resorts Inc.		16-Oct-01 Trail
Joy Greenley		01-Oct-01 Prince George
Susanne Gregory	FGS-Sub-324	
Garth Greskiw Cariboo-Chilcotin Child Development Centre Association	FGS-Sub-396	
Garth Greskiw Cariboo Economic Action Forum	FGS-Sub-460	02-Oct-01 Williams Lake
Indergit Grewal		25-Oct-01 Prince Rupert
Paul Griffin Canadian Bankers Association	FGS-Sub-415	09-Oct-01 Vancouver

Colin Griffith City of Fort St. John	FGS-Sub-377	01-Oct-01 Dawson Creek
Robert Groeger	FGS-Sub-15	
Eric Gunderson North West Environmental Group	FGS-Sub-56	
Richard Hagensen	FGS-Sub-50	
Kathy Haggith Trail Association for Community Living	FGS-Sub-146	16-Oct-01 Trail
Liza Haldane Terrace Women's Resource Centre	FGS-Sub-334	
Frances R. Hall	FGS-Sub-45	
Sheila Hallam	FGS-Sub-74	
Rhiannon Hamdi	FGS-Sub-320	
Frank Hamilton	FGS-Sub-211	
Marilyn Hannah Canadian Union of Public Employees	FGS-Sub-387	01-Oct-01 Prince George
Niels Hansen		25-Oct-01 Prince Rupert
Steve Hansen	FGS-Sub-423	09-Oct-01 Vancouver
Melba Hanson Cranbrook and District Arts Council	FGS-Sub-151	16-Oct-01 Cranbrook
Vincent Haraldsen		09-Oct-01 Vancouver
Joanne Harder	FGS-Sub-169	15-Oct-01 Revelstoke
Patricia Harmston Trail Women's Group	FGS-Sub-147	16-Oct-01 Trail
Mayor Sean Harvey City of Vernon		15-Oct-01 Vernon
Shelby Harvey Revelstoke for a Safe Trans-Canada Highway Society	FGS-Sub-444	15-Oct-01 Revelstoke
G. Hassell	FGS-Sub-371	
Terri Havill		09-Oct-01 Vancouver
Bonny Hawley Houston Friendship Centre Society	FGS-Sub-461	
Woody Hayes Hayes Stewart Little & Co.	FGS-Sub-128	23-Oct-01 Victoria
Tony Heisterkamp Okanagan District Council of Carpenters	FGS-Sub-442	15-Oct-01 Vernon
Vince Heitzman	FGS-Sub-95	
Leslie Heiwio	FGS-Sub-371	
Mayor Russ Hellberg District of Port Hardy	FGS-Sub-233	24-Oct-01 Port McNeil
Candice Henderson	FGS-Sub-40	
Karla J. Hennig Terrace Women's Resource Centre	FGS-Sub-334	

Rose Henry		23-Oct-01 Victoria
Rick Hepting	FGS-Sub-183	
Keith Hesselden		24-Oct-01 Port McNeil
George Heyman B.C. Government and Service Employees Union	FGS-Sub-130	23-Oct-01 Victoria
Debra Hicks Southern Interior Construction Association	FGS-Sub-143	15-Oct-01 Vernon
Councillor Judith Higginbotham		10-Oct-01 Surrey
Dorothy Hills	FGS-Sub-35	
Dr. William Hills	FGS-Sub-446	16-Oct-01 Cranbrook
M. Hoey College of the Rockies Faculty Association	FGS-Sub-123	
Candice Holt	FGS-Sub-285	
Janice Hopkins		01-Oct-01 Prince George
Willa Horsfall	FGS-Sub-88	
Ken Houlden		25-Oct-01 Terrace
Larry Houley Peace River Regional District		01-Oct-01 Dawson Creek
Eileen Howells Terrace and District Community Services	FGS-Sub-214	
Diana M. Hu	FGS-Sub-331	
Harry Hufty Northern Interior Regional Health Board	FGS-Sub-384	01-Oct-01 Prince George
Elaine Hughes	FGS-Sub-201	
George Hunter B.C. Technology Industries Association	FGS-Sub-434	10-Oct-01 Surrey
Mary Hunter	FGS-Sub-317	
Colleen Hutton		16-Oct-01 Trail
Mayor Clay Iles District of Tumbler Ridge	FGS-Sub-375	01-Oct-01 Dawson Creek
Patricia Irving	FGS-Sub-30	
Sameer Ismail		09-Oct-01 Vancouver
Isabel Ivancevich	FGS-Sub-2	
Jessie Jacklin	FGS-Sub-255	
Carl Jahn	FGS-Sub-363	
Larry Jameson	FGS-Sub-91	
J. & S. Jamieson	FGS-Sub-371	
Graham Jamin		16-Oct-01 Trail

Mayor Fred Jarvis District of Taylor		01-Oct-01 Dawson Creek
Daisy Jassar	FGS-Sub-83	
Chris Jennings Scouts Canada, B.C.–Yukon Provincial Council	FGS-Sub-221	25-Oct-01 Terrace
Sally Jeppesen	FGS-Sub-199	
Steen Jespersen	FGS-Sub-430	10-Oct-01 Chiliwack
Lori Johansen		16-Oct-01 Cranbrook
Andrew Johnson AIDS Vancouver		09-Oct-01 Vancouver
Brian Johnson	FGS-Sub-209	25-Oct-01 Prince Rupert
Dale Johnson CyberPage Internet Design and Consulting Co.	FGS-Sub-427	10-Oct-01 Chiliwack
Dean Johnson CyberPage Internet Design and Consulting Co.	FGS-Sub-427	10-Oct-01 Chiliwack
Alanna Johnston		25-Oct-01 Prince Rupert
Ron Johnston	FGS-Sub-225	24-Oct-01 Port McNeil
Kaela Jubas BC Association of Child Care Services	FGS-Sub-57	
Larry Jung	FGS-Sub-46	
Shirley Jutras	FGS-Sub-77	
Kimiko Karpoff Lower Mainland Network for Affordable Housing	FGS-Sub-291	
Fred and Rita Katzel	FGS-Sub-273	
Russell Katzer		23-Oct-01 Victoria
Rob Kehler	FGS-Sub-64	
Hilary Kennedy Hope Community Justice Program	FGS-Sub-158	
Irene Kennedy	FGS-Sub-13	
Brian G. Kenning	FGS-Sub-120	
Jack Keough Wells Grey Community Resources Society	FGS-Sub-413	02-Oct-01 Kamloops
Peter Kerek		02-Oct-01 Kamloops
Kristen Kevacic University of Victoria Students Society		23-Oct-01 Victoria
Sarah Khan Together Against Poverty Society, Victoria	FGS-Sub-342	
Kathy Kiernan	FGS-Sub-275	
Norma King	FGS-Sub-218	25-Oct-01 Terrace
Kris Kingston	FGS-Sub-175	

Doug Kinna	FGS-Sub-165	23-Oct-01 Victoria
Mayor Colin Kinsley City of Prince George	FGS-Sub-385	01-Oct-01 Prince George
Heather Kjelgren	FGS-Sub-43	
Shawna Klassen-Roth		15-Oct-01 Vernon
Wanda Klassen-Roth		15-Oct-01 Vernon
Seth Klein Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives, BC Office	FGS-Sub-416	09-Oct-01 Vancouver
Jakob Knaus	FGS-Sub-92	
Fawn Knox Kamloops-Thompson Teachers Association	FGS-Sub-414	02-Oct-01 Kamloops
Scott Koch		15-Oct-01 Vernon
Paul Komer East Kootenay Home-Based Business Association		16-Oct-01 Cranbrook
Jennifer Kongus	FGS-Sub-68	
Eric Kowalsky North Okanagan Social Planning Council		15-Oct-01 Vernon
Peter Krause	FGS-Sub-357	
Ann Krauseneck	FGS-Sub-389	01-Oct-01 Prince George
Connie Krauseneck	FGS-Sub-386	01-Oct-01 Prince George
Layne Kriwoken BC Settlement and Integration Workers Association		10-Oct-01 Surrey
Robert J. Kucheran BC Pharmacy Association	FGS-Sub-131	23-Oct-01 Victoria
Ed Kulicki	FGS-Sub-319	
Kristen Kvakic Camosun College Students Society		23-Oct-01 Victoria
Paula Kully		02-Oct-01 Williams Lake
Brenda LaCroix Community Stewardship Resource	FGS-Sub-290	
Lynda Lafleur Trail Regional Hospital and Health Foundation		16-Oct-01 Trail
Steven Lake	FGS-Sub-371	
Patricia Lakes Advocacy Centre	FGS-Sub-195	16-Oct-01 Trail
Jerry Lampert Business Council of B.C.	FGS-Sub-425	09-Oct-01 Vancouver
Carol Landry United Steel Workers of America, District 3	FGS-Sub-447	23-Oct-01 Victoria
Monika Lange	FGS-Sub-126	
Lee Larkin Chilliwack Field Naturalists	FGS-Sub-256	

Casey Larochelle United Native Nations Society	FGS-Sub-338	
Greg Larsen Northern Lights College	FGS-Sub-373	01-Oct-01 Dawson Creek
Mayor Charlie Lasser District of Chetwynd		01-Oct-01 Dawson Creek
Gail Lavery Trail Family and Individual Resource Centre Society	FGS-Sub-145	16-Oct-01 Trail
Wendi Lawrence	FGS-Sub-356	
Stephen LeBlanc		09-Oct-01 Vancouver
Roger Leclerc Terrace and District Community Services Society	FGS-Sub-214	25-Oct-01 Terrace
Gar Lee	FGS-Sub-14	
Marc Lee Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives, BC Office	FGS-Sub-416	09-Oct-01 Vancouver
Lou Lepine	FGS-Sub-229	24-Oct-01 Port McNeil
Garry Lester	FGS-Sub-184	
Marten Lettinga University College of the Cariboo Faculty Association	FGS-Sub-392	02-Oct-01 Williams Lake
Val Leviun	FGS-Sub-314	
Pam Lewin Trail and District Chamber of Commerce		16-Oct-01 Trail
Ryan Lilburn Okanagan University College Students Association		15-Oct-01 Vernon
Marilyn Lissimore Terrace and District Community Services	FGS-Sub-214	
Mitch Loreth Brain Injury Associations of B.C.	FGS-Sub-132	23-Oct-01 Victoria
Colleen Lunde	FGS-Sub-424	09-Oct-01 Vancouver
Darryl Lynn	FGS-Sub-19	
Bruce Macdonald	FGS-Sub-6	
Doug MacDonald Office and Professional Employees International Union, Local 378		01-Oct-01 Prince George
Patricia MacDonald Canadian Bar Association	FGS-Sub-335	
Laverne MacFadden Office of the Child, Youth and Family Advocate	FGS-Sub-343	
Robert Mackie		15-Oct-01 Revelstoke
Gordon MacKinnon	FGS-Sub-166	23-Oct-01 Victoria
Ian MacLean Northwest Community College		25-Oct-01 Terrace
Murray MacLeay BC Construction Association	FGS-Sub-160	
Leonard Mah	FGS-Sub-323	

Rick Mahler Vancouver Board of Trade		09-Oct-01 Vancouver
Jamie Main	FGS-Sub-111	
Antonio Mambi	FGS-Sub-371	
Carla Mantie	FGS-Sub-215	25-Oct-01 Terrace
Lyssa Marcil		24-Oct-01 Port McNeil
Carmen Maretic Compensation and Accountability to Soaked Homeowners Society	FGS-Sub-136	23-Oct-01 Victoria
Elfi Marsh	FGS-Sub-34	
Andrea Martens	FGS-Sub-196	
Terry Martens District of Taylor		01-Oct-01 Dawson Creek
Jody Martens-Forrester	FGS-Sub-208	25-Oct-01 Prince Rupert
Gerry Martin Terrace Economic Development Authority	FGS-Sub-454	25-Oct-01 Terrace
Jaime Matten University of Victoria Students Society		23-Oct-01 Victoria
Barry Mayhew	FGS-Sub-192	
Councillor Gordon McAdams City of Nelson		16-Oct-01 Trail
Karen McAthy Northwest Community College Students' Association		25-Oct-01 Terrace
Karen McBride		09-Oct-01 Vancouver
Cathy McCallum	FGS-Sub-248	
Sandy McClary	FGS-Sub-66	
G.G. McClintock Comox Valley Farmers' Institute	FGS-Sub-108	
Jane McDonald	FGS-Sub-25	
Kelly McDonald	FGS-Sub-391	02-Oct-01 Williams Lake
Stephanie McDowall	FGS-Sub-242	24-Oct-01 Nanaimo
Kenneth and Mavis McDuff	FGS-Sub-258	
Summer McFadyen Canadian Federation of Students	FGS-Sub-419	09-Oct-01 Vancouver
Tom McGregor BC Coalition of People with Disabilities		09-Oct-01 Vancouver
Dave McGuigan North Coast Oil and Gas Task Force	FGS-Sub-203	25-Oct-01 Prince Rupert
Steve McGuinness		09-Oct-01 Vancouver
Jessica McIlvaney Innovative Housing Society	FGS-Sub-353	
Velma McKay College of the Rockies Faculty Association	FGS-Sub-150	16-Oct-01 Cranbrook

Terrence McKenny		23-Oct-01 Victoria
Bill and Carol McKenzie	FGS-Sub-277	
Lael McKeown	FGS-Sub-213	25-Oct-01 Terrace
Susan McKinnon Brain Injury Associations of B.C.	FGS-Sub-132	23-Oct-01 Victoria
Mayor Randy McLean Town of Princeton	FGS-Sub-351	
Sandi McLean Victoria Labour Council		23-Oct-01 Victoria
Bob McLeod	FGS-Sub-216	25-Oct-01 Terrace
D. J. McLeod	FGS-Sub-371	
J. R. McLorg	FGS-Sub-251	
Debra McPherson BC Nurses' Union	FGS-Sub-422	09-Oct-01 Vancouver
Rob Mealey Canadian Federation of Students		24-Oct-01 Port McNeil
Carol Meck	FGS-Sub-63	
June Meers	FGS-Sub-113	
Blair Meggison	FGS-Sub-371	
Randy Menner	FGS-Sub-371	
Frank R. Merrick	FGS-Sub-371	
Mark Milke Canadian Taxpayers Federation, BC Division	FGS-Sub-129	23-Oct-01 Victoria
Darleen Miller		01-Oct-01 Dawson Creek
Frank Mitchell	FGS-Sub-112	
Sue Moffat Uniglobe Glacier Travel	FGS-Sub-79	
Ida Mohler Terrace and Area Health Watch Group	FGS-Sub-219	25-Oct-01 Terrace
Roseanne Moran College Institute Educators' Association of BC	FGS-Sub-127	23-Oct-01 Victoria
Rhiannon Morgayne	FGS-Sub-54	
Andrea Morison	FGS-Sub-97	
Julie Morrison Trail Women's Group	FGS-Sub-147	16-Oct-01 Trail
Kim Morton	FGS-Sub-224	24-Oct-01 Port McNeil
Simon Moses	FGS-Sub-403	02-Oct-01 Williams Lake
Larry Moulton	FGS-Sub-409	02-Oct-01 Kamloops
Dennis Mracek		01-Oct-01 Dawson Creek
Tom Muirhead		01-Oct-01 Prince George

Stephanie Mundeling		02-Oct-01 Williams Lake
Alastair Murdoch Corporate Tax Advisory Services	FGS-Sub-10	
John Murphy Coalition of Leaky Condo Owners (and Conduit)		23-Oct-01 Victoria
Craig Murray Nimmo Bay Resort (also read presentation of Bill Shephard)	FGS-Sub-228	24-Oct-01 Port McNeil
Gaetan Myre		10-Oct-01 Surrey
Serena Naeve Creston and District Community Resource Centre Society		16-Oct-01 Cranbrook
Linda Nash		01-Oct-01 Dawson Creek
J. Nelson	FGS-Sub-371	
John Nester		25-Oct-01 Terrace
Barry Neufeld Chilliwack Restorative Justice and Youth Diversion Assocation	FGS-Sub-60	10-Oct-01 Chiliwack
Jerri New Office and Professional Employees International Union	FGS-Sub-448	23-Oct-01 Victoria
Councillor Bob Nicholson District of Chetwynd		01-Oct-01 Dawson Creek
Mengia M. Nicholson	FGS-Sub-266	
Debra Noble	FGS-Sub-16	
Neal Norman	FGS-Sub-371	
Rod Oliver	FGS-Sub-71	
Sean Ollech	FGS-Sub-196	
Barry O'Neill Canadian Union of Public Employees, BC Division	FGS-Sub-133	23-Oct-01 Victoria
Bev Onischak Selkirk College Faculty Association	FGS-Sub-458	16-Oct-01 Trail
Marcus Ooms	FGS-Sub-366	
Joanne O'Reilly	FGS-Sub-29	
Bob Orr	FGS-Sub-371	
Yvette Ortiz		10-Oct-01 Surrey
Chris Ortner		02-Oct-01 Kamloops
Karen O'Shannacery Lookout Emergency Aid Society	FGS-Sub-332	
Gerald S. Palmer	FGS-Sub-326	
Richard Papiernik	FGS-Sub-441	10-Oct-01 Surrey
Edna Park	FGS-Sub-400	02-Oct-01 Williams Lake
Keith Parkinson		10-Oct-01 Surrey

Bob Payne		25-Oct-01 Prince Rupert
W. D. Payne	FGS-Sub-371	
Bob Peart Canadian Parks and Wilderness Society - BC Chapter	FGS-Sub-134	23-Oct-01 Victoria
Charlie Peck B.C. and Yukon Territory Building and Construction Trades Council	FGS-Sub-437	10-Oct-01 Surrey
Blair Peden BC Probation Officers Association	FGS-Sub-167	15-Oct-01 Vernon
Eileen Pedersen Trail Women's Group	FGS-Sub-147	16-Oct-01 Trail
E. Dave Pedley	FGS-Sub-303	
Ken Pendergast Cental Interior Wood Processors Association	FGS-Sub-382	01-Oct-01 Prince George
Ken Pensack Cement Association of Canada	FGS-Sub-118	23-Oct-01 Victoria
Wayne Peppard Allied Hydro Council of BC		10-Oct-01 Surrey
Barbara J. Perroni	FGS-Sub-371	
Bruce Petch	FGS-Sub-317	
Barb Peters		24-Oct-01 Nanaimo
Neil Peters	FGS-Sub-367	
Geraldine and Tore Pettersen	FGS-Sub-41	
R. Peverley	FGS-Sub-193	
Don Philpott BCGEU Local 612		25-Oct-01 Terrace
Jody Pickard	FGS-Sub-44	
Bob Plowright		10-Oct-01 Chiliwack
Jim Podger	FGS-Sub-378	01-Oct-01 Dawson Creek
Fred Poirier	FGS-Sub-223	24-Oct-01 Port McNeil
Brenda Potter		16-Oct-01 Trail
Angela Power	FGS-Sub-164	23-Oct-01 Victoria
Lynn Proulx Trail and District Daycare Society	FGS-Sub-82	
Dennis Prouse Insurance Bureau of Canada, Pacific Region	FGS-Sub-240	24-Oct-01 Nanaimo
Victor Prystay		25-Oct-01 Prince Rupert
Shelia Puga		09-Oct-01 Vancouver
Carmen Purdy	FGS-Sub-172	16-Oct-01 Cranbrook
S. Quendack	FGS-Sub-137	

Hanne Quillevere	FGS-Sub-1	
Jo-Anne L. Rahier	FGS-Sub-49	
A. Rankin	FGS-Sub-188	
John Rea Retail BC		09-Oct-01 Vancouver
Travis Ready	FGS-Sub-371	
Randy Reay Kootenay Livestock Association	FGS-Sub-152	16-Oct-01 Cranbrook
Richard Rees Institute of Chartered Accountants of BC	FGS-Sub-417	09-Oct-01 Vancouver
Erika Reich	FGS-Sub-114	
Tom Reynolds City of Williams Lake	FGS-Sub-80	02-Oct-01 Williams Lake
Darcy Rezak Vancouver Board of Trade	FGS-Sub-421	09-Oct-01 Vancouver
Maurice A. Rhodes	FGS-Sub-73	
D.R. Richardson	FGS-Sub-101	
Dave Richardson Northern Interior Regional Health Board	FGS-Sub-384	01-Oct-01 Prince George
Dean Rigler	FGS-Sub-189	
Justin Rigsby The Alm-Wood Group	FGS-Sub-210	
Glen Ringdal BC Automobile Dealers Association	FGS-Sub-436	10-Oct-01 Surrey
Don Ritchley Terrace and Area Health Watch Group	FGS-Sub-219	
Greg Robart	FGS-Sub-404	02-Oct-01 Williams Lake
Rudy Rogalsky		10-Oct-01 Chiliwack
Sharon Rogalsky		10-Oct-01 Chiliwack
Stan Rogers Chilliwack Chamber of Commerce		10-Oct-01 Chiliwack
C.J. Romer	FGS-Sub-62	
JJ Rooti Westgulf Enterprises Ltd	FGS-Sub-371	
Sandra Rose	FGS-Sub-23	
Colleen Ross	FGS-Sub-230	24-Oct-01 Port McNeil
Mayor Mel Rothenburger City of Kamloops		02-Oct-01 Kamloops
Frank Rowe Terrace District Teachers' Union	FGS-Sub-212	25-Oct-01 Terrace
Patricia Rowe	FGS-Sub-98	
Brian Ruddell	FGS-Sub-295	
Jacqueline Rush	FGS-Sub-178	

Jan Russow		23-Oct-01 Victoria
Robin Rutherford	FGS-Sub-253	
Carol Sabo Ksan House Society	FGS-Sub-300	
Tom Sager	FGS-Sub-371	
Ron Sahlstrom		15-Oct-01 Revelstoke
Jagrup Samra-Jawanda		10-Oct-01 Surrey
Glen Sanford Home Support Action Group	FGS-Sub-236	24-Oct-01 Nanaimo
Keith Sashaw Vancouver Regional Construction Association		09-Oct-01 Vancouver
Debbie Scarborough		25-Oct-01 Terrace
Roberta Scarrow		01-Oct-01 Prince George
Ian Schierbech		15-Oct-01 Revelstoke
Michelle Schilling	FGS-Sub-394	02-Oct-01 Williams Lake
Ed Schindel	FGS-Sub-371	
Gerry Schmon		16-Oct-01 Trail
Donna Schommer		15-Oct-01 Vernon
David Schreck	FGS-Sub-7	
Dick Schultz West Kootenay Labour Council		16-Oct-01 Trail
Gord Schuss	FGS-Sub-371	
Bob Scott		01-Oct-01 Prince George
Charles Scott Prince George Region Development Corporation		01-Oct-01 Prince George
Katie Scott		23-Oct-01 Victoria
Russ Seltenrich North West Community Health Services Society	FGS-Sub-220	25-Oct-01 Terrace
Lee Sexsmith	FGS-Sub-90	
John A. Seymour	FGS-Sub-9	
Dr. Lal Sharma Trustee, School District 73	FGS-Sub-412	02-Oct-01 Kamloops
Maureen Shaw College Institute Educators' Association of BC	FGS-Sub-127	23-Oct-01 Victoria
Bill Sheppard Mount Waddington Regional District	FGS-Sub-227	
Monica Sheridan	FGS-Sub-36	

Denise Shervey		16-Oct-01 Cranbrook
Don Silversides	FGS-Sub-455	25-Oct-01 Prince Rupert
John Simpson Fraser Valley East Brain Injury Association		10-Oct-01 Chilliwack
Coleen Sinclair		10-Oct-01 Surrey
Jim Sinclair B.C. Federation of Labour	FGS-Sub-449	23-Oct-01 Victoria
Brenda Sissons The Family Place		25-Oct-01 Terrace
Chris Sitter	FGS-Sub-263	
Eric Skehor		24-Oct-01 Nanaimo
Catherine Smith Canadian Bankers Association	FGS-Sub-415	09-Oct-01 Vancouver
Kirsten Smith	FGS-Sub-360	
Lloyd Smith Northern Lights Real Estate Board	FGS-Sub-379	01-Oct-01 Dawson Creek
Robert Smith	FGS-Sub-51	
Heather Spicer		01-Oct-01 Prince George
Joan Spira	FGS-Sub-124	
Geoff Squires BC Pharmacy Association	FGS-Sub-131	23-Oct-01 Victoria
Linda St. Arnault	FGS-Sub-383	01-Oct-01 Prince George
Pamela St. Thomas	FGS-Sub-445	16-Oct-01 Trail
Mark Startup Retail BC	FGS-Sub-301	
Leslie Stern BC Women's Housing Coalition	FGS-Sub-349	
Ron and Netta Sterne	FGS-Sub-371	
Shaun Stevenson Prince Rupert Port Authority	FGS-Sub-205	25-Oct-01 Prince Rupert
Michael Stevulak	FGS-Sub-355	
Penny Stewart Central Interior Regional Arts Council	FGS-Sub-61	
Tony Stoeckley		10-Oct-01 Chilliwack
W.D Stothert Stothert Group	FGS-Sub-162	
John Strangway Terrace Economic Development Authority	FGS-Sub-454	
Greg Strebel	FGS-Sub-96	
Kari Streleoff	FGS-Sub-31	
Laura Strom	FGS-Sub-283	

Randy Stuppard Sterling Networks Ltd	FGS-Sub-259	
Alice Sundberg BC Non Profit Housing Association	FGS-Sub-107	
Anne L.B. Sutherland Royal Bank of Canada	FGS-Sub-369	
Albert Sweet Town of Port McNeill		24-Oct-01 Port McNeill
Rita Taenzer Trail Women's Group	FGS-Sub-147	16-Oct-01 Trail
Greg Tamblyn	FGS-Sub-316	
Lesley Tannen Desert Rose Society: People with DisAbilities Network	FGS-Sub-144	15-Oct-01 Vernon
Terry Tate IWA Canada	FGS-Sub-69	
"Taxed-out Taxpayer"	FGS-Sub-58	
Amy Taylor The Advocacy Centre	FGS-Sub-348	
Doug Tedford Active Support Against Poverty Society		01-Oct-01 Prince George
Merle Terlesky Kamloops Pro-Life Society	FGS-Sub-410	02-Oct-01 Kamloops
Michelle Tessier		10-Oct-01 Chiliwack
Robert Thibeau	FGS-Sub-271	
Dan Thomas	FGS-Sub-318	
Christine Thompson	FGS-Sub-196	
Mayor Steve Thorlakson City of Fort St. John	FGS-Sub-377	01-Oct-01 Dawson Creek
Rosalind Thorn Northern BC Construction Association	FGS-Sub-390	01-Oct-01 Prince George
Elizabeth Thunstrom	FGS-Sub-104	
Casey Timmermans	FGS-Sub-235	24-Oct-01 Nanaimo
Lorne Tippe	FGS-Sub-371	
Mayor Jim Togyi District of Fort St. James	FGS-Sub-368	
Calvin Tolkamp	FGS-Sub-67	
David Tones IWA-Canada, National Office	FGS-Sub-202	23-Oct-01 Victoria
Ralph Torske Kettle River Search and Rescue Services	FGS-Sub-304	
S. Anthony Toth BC Pharmacy Association	FGS-Sub-131	23-Oct-01 Victoria
Myrna Tracy	FGS-Sub-359	
John Trainor	FGS-Sub-272	
John Treg'ilg'el	FGS-Sub-110	
Sarah Troffe	FGS-Sub-3	

Thea Trussler Nelson and District Women's Centre	FGS-Sub-198	16-Oct-01 Trail
C. Tuininga Chilliwack Search and Rescue Services	FGS-Sub-302	
Rick Turner Kamloops-Thompson Teachers Association	FGS-Sub-414	02-Oct-01 Kamloops
David Twombly	FGS-Sub-374	01-Oct-01 Dawson Creek
Mary Uljevic United Native Nations Society	FGS-Sub-261	
Susan Underwood Abbotsford Community Legal Services	FGS-Sub-264	
Andy Upper and family	FGS-Sub-12	
Anibal Valente PCL Constructors Canada Inc	FGS-Sub-333	
R. van Doorn	FGS-Sub-361	
Berend J Van Eldik	FGS-Sub-33	
John Van Luven St. James Community Service Society	FGS-Sub-420	09-Oct-01 Vancouver
Jaclyn Vanderhorst	FGS-Sub-196	
Bill Vanderland EnerGreen Power Inc.	FGS-Sub-246	24-Oct-01 Nanaimo
Ken Veldman Terrace Economic Development Authority	FGS-Sub-454	25-Oct-01 Terrace
Craig Vernon	FGS-Sub-180	
Jim Vickerson Chilliwack Search and Rescue Services	FGS-Sub-325	
Darcy Victor		16-Oct-01 Cranbrook
Russ Vinden	FGS-Sub-450	24-Oct-01 Nanaimo
Albert Waardenburg	FGS-Sub-117	
Brenda L. Waechter Certified General Accounts Association of BC	FGS-Sub-346	
G. Wagner	FGS-Sub-371	
Joe Y. Wai Architect Inc.	FGS-Sub-327	
Janis Waite		24-Oct-01 Nanaimo
Mike Walden		10-Oct-01 Surrey
Alan Walford	FGS-Sub-185	
Richard Walker	FGS-Sub-313	
Susan Wallace		02-Oct-01 Kamloops
Cameron Walls		09-Oct-01 Vancouver
Margaret Walters		10-Oct-01 Surrey
Mike Ward	FGS-Sub-187	

S. Brent Warne	FGS-Sub-186	
Barbara Watson		01-Oct-01 Prince George
Lucy Watson Canadian Federation of Students		09-Oct-01 Vancouver
Louise Weaver Wells Grey Community Resources Society	FGS-Sub-413	02-Oct-01 Kamloops
Martin Webb	FGS-Sub-459	23-Oct-01 Victoria
Donald Wehrung	FGS-Sub-93	
Cindy Weitzel Cranbrook and District Arts Council	FGS-Sub-151	
R. Stuart Wells	FGS-Sub-176	
Timothy Welsh Affiliation of Multicultural Societies & Service Agencies of BC	FGS-Sub-89	
Glenn Welton	FGS-Sub-371	
Bev Wendel Lookout Enterprises	FGS-Sub-102	
Terry Weninger College of New Caledonia	FGS-Sub-299	
Cliff West Port McNeill Enterprises Ltd.		24-Oct-01 Port McNeil
Norman Westfall		10-Oct-01 Chiliwack
Councillor Ted Westlin District of Kent		10-Oct-01 Chiliwack
Derryll White Cranbrook Library Association	FGS-Sub-149	16-Oct-01 Cranbrook
Theodore White Placidus Communications Group Inc	FGS-Sub-344	
Terry Wickstrom		23-Oct-01 Victoria
David Wiebe	FGS-Sub-200	
Susan Wilkie	FGS-Sub-170	16-Oct-01 Trail
Harvey D. Williams	FGS-Sub-249	
Robert M. Wilmsmeier Chilliwack Search and Rescue Services	FGS-Sub-330	
Deborah Wilson	FGS-Sub-116	
Joyce Wilson	FGS-Sub-328	
Sam Wind	FGS-Sub-177	
Jim Witol Canadian Life and Health Insurance Association Inc.	FGS-Sub-197	23-Oct-01 Victoria
Ken Witt	FGS-Sub-371	
Jill Wonnacott Village of Pouce Coupe		01-Oct-01 Dawson Creek
Mike Wood BC Lake Stewardship Society	FGS-Sub-288	
Paul Wood	FGS-Sub-371	

R Wright	FGS-Sub-371	
Echo Wylie		01-Oct-01 Prince George
Andrew Wynn-Williams BC Chamber of Commerce	FGS-Sub-241	24-Oct-01 Nanaimo
Lewis Yaskow	FGS-Sub-268	
Susan Yates	FGS-Sub-105	
Debra Yearley		02-Oct-01 Williams Lake
Sylvia Yeiland	FGS-Sub-371	
Marilyn E. Young	FGS-Sub-362	09-Oct-01 Vancouver
Donna Yuill Cranbrook and District Chamber of Commerce	FGS-Sub-154	16-Oct-01 Cranbrook
Pamela Yurkoski	FGS-Sub-24	
Anita Zaenker Canadian Federation of Students	FGS-Sub-419	09-Oct-01 Vancouver
Dolly Zawaduk	FGS-Sub-168	15-Oct-01 Vernon
Dale Zurovich	FGS-Sub-72	